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## **Department of Correction Graduates its 232<sup>nd</sup> Academy**

Dover, DE — Joined by Deputy Commissioner Alan Grinstead, Adjutant General Michael Berry, friends and family, 21 men and women graduated from the 232<sup>nd</sup> Correctional Employee Initial Training (CEIT) Academy of the Delaware Department of Correction today and have been assigned to facilities throughout the state.

The 11-week long training program focuses on a professional development curriculum critical to developing the skills of correctional staff in achieving the mission of public safety and reducing recidivism. The training program includes inmate supervision, weapons and chemical munitions, defensive tactics, emergency preparedness, report writing, behavioral health training, CPR/Basic First Aid, and inter-personal communication.

The ceremony featured a traditional badge pinning along with the Dover Fire Department's Pipes and Drums Unit. It also included the presentation of the Outstanding Cadet awarded to Officer Chinyere Anyanaso and Class speaker Officer Lisa Armond.

Deputy Commissioner Grinstead spoke on the importance of the Department's core values: integrity, courage, accountability, respect and diversity. "You have gone above and beyond the call of being a citizen of the State of Delaware and have shown extraordinary character and strength by completing CEIT," said the Deputy Commissioner. "I am encouraged by your grit, determination and professionalism to one another and the Department. Never forget what you had to endure to get to where you are and stay true to the DOC mission."

The instructional team for CEIT Class 232 consisted of Primary Instructor Brian Lewis, Instructor Matthew Hopp and Drill Instructors Andrew Krzanowski and Aaron Brown. A photo of today's graduates is attached.

The graduates begin their new careers with the Delaware Department of Correction next week.

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